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PROJECT SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS

RUMNEY MAN SENTENCED ON FEDERAL WEAPONS CHARGES

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE: United States Attorney Tom Colantuono and Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives Resident Agent in Charge Kraig Hankins today announced that Gary Glover, age 47, of Rumney, New Hampshire was sentenced in U.S. District Court to four months of home confinement and a probationary period of three years for illegally purchasing and transferring firearms.

Glover pleaded guilty in February, 2003 to federal firearms charges. Glover admitted that he purchased a firearm at the Newfound Sales and Trading Post in Meredith, New Hampshire for Brian Bataitis of Providence, Rhode Island.   Because Bataitis had been previously convicted of a felon, and is an out-of-state resident, he arranged for Glover to act as a "straw buyer." Straw buying is an illegal practice in which an individual poses as the buyer of a gun that is actually intended for another person.

U.S. Attorney Colantuono stated: "This case is just one example of this office's commitment to aggressive prosecution of the federal firearms laws as mandated by Attorney General Ashcroft's "Project Safe Neighborhoods" initiative. Keeping firearms out of the hands of convicted felons is one of our main objectives. This office will continue to vigorously enforce the federal firearms laws as we expand the implementation of Project Safe Neighborhoods in the District of New Hampshire."

This prosecution resulted from an investigation conducted by the agents of the U. S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives in Rhode Island and New Hampshire. The prosecution was handled by Assistant U. S. Attorney Helen White Fitzgibbon.